

### **REMARKS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants clarify that claims 1 - 106 were cancelled in a Preliminary Amendment filed November 13, 2001 and replaced with new claims 107 - 207. In Response to Requirement for Restriction filed December 22, 2003, Applicants clarify that claims 107 - 190 of Group I were elected for examination without traverse, while claims 191 - 207 were cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any unclaimed subject matter in one or more divisional or continuation applications. No amendment of inventorship is required.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance, and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

If there are any outstanding issues related to patentability, the courtesy of a telephone interview is requested, and the Examiner is invited to call to arrange a mutually convenient time.

It is believed that this amendment does not necessitate payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17. If the amount submitted is incorrect, however, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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